

**From:** Patrick Conboy <mpd1255@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 4:22 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Nick M

I live by Hyland Hills ski slope, can you tell me what is the proposed hearing to modify ski slope lighting?  
Thanks, Pat Conboy

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Julia Wiessner <julia.wiessner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016 4:37 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Nick M  
**Subject:** Re: PL2016-17 Ski Slope Lighting

Thank you for the quick response. I don't think that the Three Rivers alternative design is effective and I also don't think a few neighbors views are significant for Three Rivers. Thanks again!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 11, 2016, at 8:18 AM, Johnson, Nick M <[nmjohnson@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:nmjohnson@BloomingtonMN.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Wiessner,

The proposal submitted by Three Rivers Park District is to allow for an alternative maintenance lighting system, which was tested as a pilot project during the 2015/16 ski season, on a permanent basis. During the review of the new chalet and parking lot improvements in 2013, the City included a condition that up-slope maintenance lighting be provided while maintenance activities were underway at the ski hill. Instead of installing up-slope lighting, Three Rivers requested in June of 2015 to test an alternative design using shields, louvers and angled fixtures. The intent was to reduce light and glare being cast at the residential properties. Three Rivers Park District is now requesting that the alternative design be allowed on a permanent basis.

I don't believe that Three Rivers Park would be expanding the hours of ski slope lighting and/or maintenance. What this proposal focuses on is the type of lighting utilized during maintenance activities. If you have specific questions about the operations of Hyland Ski Hill, I would contact Amy Gurski with Three Rivers Park District. Her contact information is the following:

[Amy.Gurski@threeriversparks.org](mailto:Amy.Gurski@threeriversparks.org)  
763-559-6764

If you are looking for more information related to this proposal, I would be happy to send you the Council Agenda packet once it is published.

Let me know if you have additional questions.

Take care,

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**From:** Julia Wiessner [<mailto:julia.wiessner@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 6:08 PM

**To:** Johnson, Nick M

**Subject:** PL2016-17 Ski Slope Lighting

Hi Nick,

I live on Sandro Road facing the ski hill. I'm reading this notice of public hearing for the "proposal to modify after hours ski slope lighting". **Is this a proposal to increase the hours of ski slope lighting?** I'm wondering if that is possible since I often wake up between 1:30am and 3:00am and the lights are blazing and the grooming machines are roaring.

Please let me know **what the current ski slope lighting hours are** and if this is a proposal to have the lights on all night.

Thank you so much for your help in understanding this proposal.

Sincerely,

Julia Wiessner

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Bloomington, MN

**From:** Oslund, Gary <GaryOslund@edinarealty.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 11:11 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Nick M  
**Subject:** lighting ski hill

Nick,

Thank you for explaining the lighting scenario. I thought at times this winter that the lights seemed bright after the ski hill closed for the day. It would be nice if they could tone it down for grooming, etc.

Gary

**From:** Steve Vervais <svervais@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 10:53 AM  
**To:** Winstead, Gene; Abrams, Cynthia; Busse, Tim; Lowman, Dwayne; Carlson, Andrew; Baloga, Jack; jpleson@bloomingtonmn.gov  
**Cc:** Johnson, Nick M  
**Subject:** case file number PL 2016-17 516919

To: Mayor Winstead and Bloomington City Council,  
We reside at 6115 Mount Normandale Dr. and live immediately across the road from Highland ski area.

It comes as no surprise to us that you want to give Highland Hills the right to run their lights at night unnecessarily just like you have given them everything else they've asked for in the past. The city and its enterprise business does not care about the neighbors or our neighborhood. The City Council doesn't seem to care that every vote given is injurious to our surrounding neighborhood and affects our health, safety, and welfare. After all, what's a little more light pollution to the surrounding neighborhood?

Why is there a public hearing to leave the lights on after skiing hours? The groomers themselves are well-equipped with built-in lighting systems that illuminate the entire area around the machine. HHSA leaves other hill lights on all night now. Years ago, we were told by Margie Osland, Judith Anderson, and Karen Bowen that the lights did not need to be on while grooming all night. So why now?

We ask that you **not** allow Highland to use any stationary non-equipment mounted lights at night. In fact the parking lot lights are on all night now most nights needlessly illuminating an empty parking lot. While the parking lot lights are aimed downwards, they still illuminate the insides of our house unnecessarily.

P. S. The new lighting system is no better than before.

Sincerely,  
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